

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

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Claim 1 (currently amended) A method for efficient information storage and retrieval of information, comprising the steps of:

capturing with a scanner a selected portion of text of the printed information wherein the selected portion of text captured is a close-to-unique identifier of the text, and serves as a key when the information is accessed electronically;

placing the key in an electronically available index to facilitate retrieval of the information; and

recommending topic matters based on keys of previously scanned text of printed information and previously stored electronic information that are related to the printed information being captured during retrieval of the printed information.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein a portion of the information is in electronic form and the method further includes a step of storing the electronic information in a storage medium and making the electronic information available for search and retrieval using the key.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The method of claim 1 ~~wherein the information is printed and the method further includes~~ further including the steps of scanning and processing the information to provide an electronic copy of the information, storing the electronic copy of the information in a storage medium and making the electronic copy available for search and retrieval using the key.

Claim 4 (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the information is stored in a non-commercially accessible database.

Claim 5 (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the information is obtained from a commercially accessible database.

Claim 6 (original) The method of claim 1 further including, upon the user requesting retrieval of information associated with the key, providing the information associated therewith.

Claim 7 (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the recommended topic matters include at least one of related uniform resource locators (URLs) to web pages, maps, books, and related articles.

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Claim 8 (original) The method of claim 1 further including clipping and holding the selected portion of text as a key for accessing information that is electronically available at a later date.

Claim 9 (currently amended) A system for efficient information storage and retrieval of information, comprising:

an index information retrieval unit, arranged to send a selected portion of text of the printed information to an index storage unit, for capturing with a scanner the selected portion of text of the information wherein the selected portion of text is a close-to-unique identifier of the text and serves as a key when the information is desired to be accessed electronically;

the index storage unit, arranged to receive and store the key from the index information retrieval unit, for placing the key in an electronically available index to facilitate retrieval of the information from a storage medium that is accessible electronically; and

the storage medium that is accessible electronically, wherein the storage medium is arranged to be searched using the key held in the index to identify information in the storage medium that corresponds to the key,

wherein a computer unit is arranged to send and receive information from and to the index storage unit and the storage medium, and is arranged to request retrieval of information based on the key and configured for recommending topic matters based on keys of previously scanned text of printed information and previously

stored electronic information that are related to the printed information being captured during retrieval of the information.

Claim 10 (original) The system of claim 9 wherein the information is in electronic form and the information is stored in electronic form in a storage medium and made accessible for search and retrieval and presentation.

Claim 11 (original) The system of claim 9 wherein the information is printed and the information is scanned to provide an electronic copy of the information which is then stored in a storage medium and made accessible for search and retrieval and presentation.

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Claim 12 (original) The system of claim 9 wherein the information is stored in a non-commercially accessible database.

Claim 13 (original) The system of claim 9 wherein the information is obtained from a commercially accessible database.

Claim 14 (original) The system of claim 9 wherein the information is obtained from local accessible storage media.

Claim 15 (original) The system of claim 9 further including, upon the user requesting retrieval of information associated with the key, providing the information associated therewith.

Claim 16 (previously presented) The system of claim 9 wherein further related information is also provided that is correlated with at least one of: the key and associated information.

Claim 17 (original) The system of claim 9 wherein the selected portion of text is a "clip and hold" key for accessing information that is electronically available at a later date.

Claim 18 (currently amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing steps for efficient information storage and retrieval of information, comprising the steps of:

capturing with a scanner a selected portion of text of the printed information wherein the selected portion of text scanned is a close-to-unique identifier of the text and serves as a key and where the information is stored and accessed electronically;

placing the key in an electronically available index to facilitate retrieval of the information; and

recommending topic matters based on keys of previously scanned text of printed information and previously stored electronic information that are related to the information being captured during retrieval of the printed information.

Claim 19 (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 18 wherein the information is in electronic form and the steps further include retrieving and indexing the information context identified by the index for fast retrieval and processing.

Claim 20 (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 18 wherein the information is in electronic form and the steps further include a step of storing the electronic information in a storage medium and making the electronic information accessible for search and retrieval and presentation.

Claim 21 (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 18 wherein the information is printed and the steps further include steps of scanning and processing the information to provide an electronic copy of the information and storing the electronic copy of the information in a storage medium and making the electronic copy accessible for search and retrieval and presentation.

Claim 22 (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 18 wherein the information is stored in non-commercially accessible database.

Claim 23 (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 18 wherein the information is obtained from a commercially accessible database.

Claim 24 (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 18 wherein the steps further include, upon the user requesting retrieval of information associated with the key, providing the information associated therewith.

Claim 25 (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 18 wherein further related information is also provided that is correlated with at least one of: the key and associated information.

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Claim 26 (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 18 wherein the selected portion of text is a "clip and hold" key for accessing information that is electronically available at a later date.

Claim 27 (currently amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing steps for efficient information storage and retrieval of information, comprising the steps of:

capturing with a scanner a selected portion of text of the incoming printed information wherein the selected portion of text scanned is a close-to-unique identifier of the text and serves as a "key" when the incoming printed information is stored and accessed electronically;

placing the key in an electronically available index on a web page accessible area to facilitate search and retrieval of desired incoming information; and

recommending topic matters based on keys of previously scanned text of printed information and previously stored electronic information that are related to the information being captured during retrieval of the printed information.

Claim 28 (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 27 wherein the information is in electronic form and the steps further include a step of storing the incoming electronic information in a local distributed storage medium and making the electronic information available for search and retrieval and presentation.

Claim 29 (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 27 wherein the incoming information is printed and the steps further include steps of scanning and processing the information to provide an electronic copy of the information and storing the electronic copy of the information in a storage medium and making the electronic copy available for search and retrieval and presentation.

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Claim 30 (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 27 wherein the incoming information is stored in an electronic database.

Claim 31 (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 27 wherein the incoming information is obtained from a commercially accessible database.

Claim 32 (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 27 further including, upon the user requesting retrieval of information associated with the key, providing the information associated therewith.

Claim 33 (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 27 wherein further related information is also provided that is correlated with at least one of: the key and associated information.

Claim 34 (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 27 wherein the selected portion of text is a "clip and hold" key for accessing incoming information that is electronically available at a later date.

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